

**From:** Valery McMann mcmannvalery@gmail.com  
**Subject:** SB 150  
**Date:** August 16, 2023 at 5:43 PM  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us  
**Subject:** Re: SB 150  
**Date:** August 16, 2023 at 10:00 PM  
**To:** Valery McMann mcmannvalery@gmail.com

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**Subject:** Re: SB 150  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 7:37 AM  
**To:** Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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**Subject:** Book Removal

**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 1:49 PM

**To:** jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us, ruthann.elliott@boyle.kyschools.us, steve.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us, laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Book Removal  
**Date:** August 16, 2023 at 7:45 PM  
**To:** Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** Susan Weston spweston@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Requesting clear book removal policy  
**Date:** August 13, 2023 at 1:27 PM  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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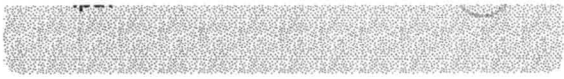


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**Subject:** Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools  
**Date:** August 15, 2023 at 6:15 AM  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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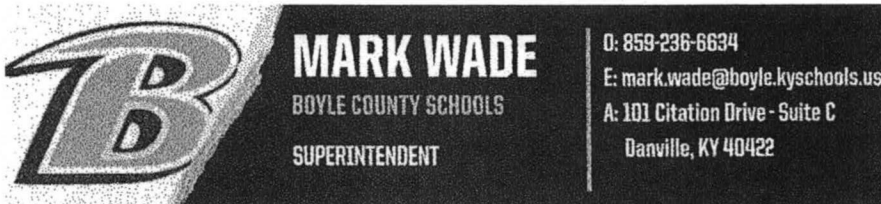
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**Subject:** Concerned  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Concerned  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 6:59 PM  
**To:** Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** "Rogers, Lisa A." <Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu>  
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**To:** lisa.rogers3@uky.edu  
**Cc:** Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, Jennifer Newby jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us



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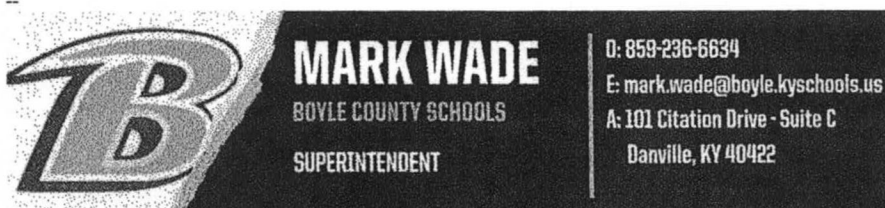
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**Subject:** SB150 and Library Censorship  
**Date:** August 16, 2023 at 11:16 AM  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** Augustine Chapin chapina1144@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Concerned parent  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 8:00 AM  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us

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**From:** Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Book removal legislation concern  
**Date:** August 18, 2023 at 4:58 PM  
**To:** arpauly@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Laura Weddle laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us



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**From:** Allison Pauly <arpauly@gmail.com>  
**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 10:04:47 AM EDT  
**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, steve.tammme@boyle.kyschools.us, jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us, ruthann.elliott@boyle.kyschools.us  
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RCHS Class of



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**From:** Allison Pauly arpauly@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Book removal legislation concern  
**Date:** August 19, 2023 at 1:37 PM  
**To:** Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us



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**From:** Betsy Quilligan bquilligan@gmail.com

**Subject:** Book removal

**Date:** August 17, 2023 at 11:14 AM

**To:** laura.weddle@boyle.kyschools.us, jennifer.newby@boyle.kyschools.us, jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us,  
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**From:** Jesse Johnson jesse.johnson@boyle.kyschools.us  
**Subject:** Re: Book removal  
**Date:** August 18, 2023 at 8:12 AM  
**To:** Betsy Quilligan bquilligan@gmail.com

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Sent from my iPad

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